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1. Between early March and 13 July 1953, the headquarters battalion with the assigned airfield company was quartered in the former Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen. The motor vehicle and tractor platoon of the airfield company was quartered in a temporary building at Litten airfield. This platoon numbered 1 officer and 13 EM. A repair platoon which was also assigned to the airfield company consisted of 1 officer and 9 EM. Source remembered the following officers' names:

Commander of the headquarters battalion: Captain Zeeck (fnu) [REDACTED]
 Political officer of airfield company: Lieutenant Freyer (fnu) [REDACTED]
 Chief of airfield company: Lieutenant Skeide (fnu) [REDACTED]
 Chief of Project Bautzen I: Major Beyer (fnu) [REDACTED]
 Administrative officer of Project Bautzen I: Captain Wustmann (fnu) [REDACTED]
 A Soviet Air Force guard detail of 1 NCO and 25 EM was stationed at the field.¹

2. The airfield measured 3 to 4 km. from east to west and about 2 km. from north to south. Its surroundings were level and contained no flight obstacles. The field was served by the Bautzen-Weissenberg road. A spur track whose course was staked off was to be built from the Kubschütz railroad station to the fuel dump in the southwestern section of the field. There were low wooden buildings but no brick buildings. On 13 July, about 100 construction workers of the Bauunion Gued were employed at the field. The soil of the field had been graded, rolled and sown with grass. Drainage facilities were being laid along the runway and taxiway as the soil became smooth in spots in rainy weather. The runway was covered with steel mats, each about 300 x 50 centimeters, which were hooked together and, at the sides and ends of the lane, were moored to the ground by wire. The soil underneath the mats was rolled and on specially smooth spots at the eastern end it was reinforced by bottoming. A taxiway about 10 meters wide was built of the same material, south of and parallel to the runway. There were connecting lanes between this taxiway and the runway. Four horseshoe-shaped aircraft revetments with sand walls were under construction on the southeastern edge of the field. No hangars or workshops were available. Eleven containers with capacities of 50,000, 45,000, 25,000 and 15,000 liters were being installed at the fuel dump in the southwestern corner of the field. The airfield was surrounded by a barbed wire fence and a 2-meter-high wall along the road. There were no watchtowers. [REDACTED] sketch of the field.²

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- 25X1 3. Between about 7 and 14 June, the field was occupied by 18 MiG-15s. [redacted] The aircraft, which had arrived with their ground units, were flown by Soviet crews. An estimated 40 motor vehicles including tank trucks and radio trucks had also arrived. The German personnel at the field stated that the aircraft allegedly had to make a test on the runway. The aircraft usually made local flights with extended landing gears. They used about two thirds of the runway for taking off and the entire runway for landing. During air activity, a radio truck with a rod antenna was parked on the landing field and two additional radio installations were in the southeastern corner of the field.
- 25X1 4. The VPL soldiers were required to produce a special pass for entering Object 1 and Litten airfield. This special pass was valid in connection with the regular certificate of service.
- 25X1 5. Between 28 and 31 July 1953, there was no air activity at the unoccupied airfield. Fifteen dumping trucks hauled large quantities of sand from the Nadelwitz sand pit to the field where the sand was unloaded along the wall around the field in line with kilometer marker 4.4 of the Nadelwitz-Neupurschwitz road. Trucks [redacted] were observed entering and leaving the Russian base.
- 25X1 6. Between 3 and 12 August, the field was not occupied by aircraft or Soviet personnel but was guarded by KVP. Civil motor vehicles of construction firms continuously hauled sand to the field. No military motor vehicles were observed. The runway terminated at a point in line with kilometer marker 5.5, a closed entrance was at kilometer marker 3.3, and the main guardhouse was at kilometer marker 3.4. Traffic signs indicating that vehicles were prohibited to stop, were placed between kilometers markers 3.3 and 4.8 on the road along the southern edge of the field. In the immediate area around the field there were several signs bearing the inscription: "Passage of members of foreign military missions and foreigners prohibited."
7. On 25 August, cattle were grazing on the western end of the runway and farmers were mowing grass on the field. A grader was observed in the northeastern corner of the field and a dredger which was not in operation was on the southern edge. A paved road, about 8 meters wide, was under construction in the southwestern corner of the field toward the field center. The previously observed fuel containers had probably been dug in. A VPL sentry guarded the construction site. About 1 km from the field there was a gravel pit where gravel was loaded on trucks and carried to the southwestern corner of the field.
- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. Of the officers mentioned, Lieutenant Freyer and Lieutenant Skeide are reported for the first time. The headquarters battalion probably is the 303rd Bn which supplies the airfield.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. For sketch of Bautzen-Litten airfield, see Annex. [redacted] the eastern section of the field where the temporary buildings and quartering buildings of the construction workers are located. [redacted] additional buildings in the western section of the field along the Bautzen-Neupurschwitz road. [redacted]

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It is still believed that the unit from Grossenhain was assigned to test the runway at Bautzen-Litten airfield.

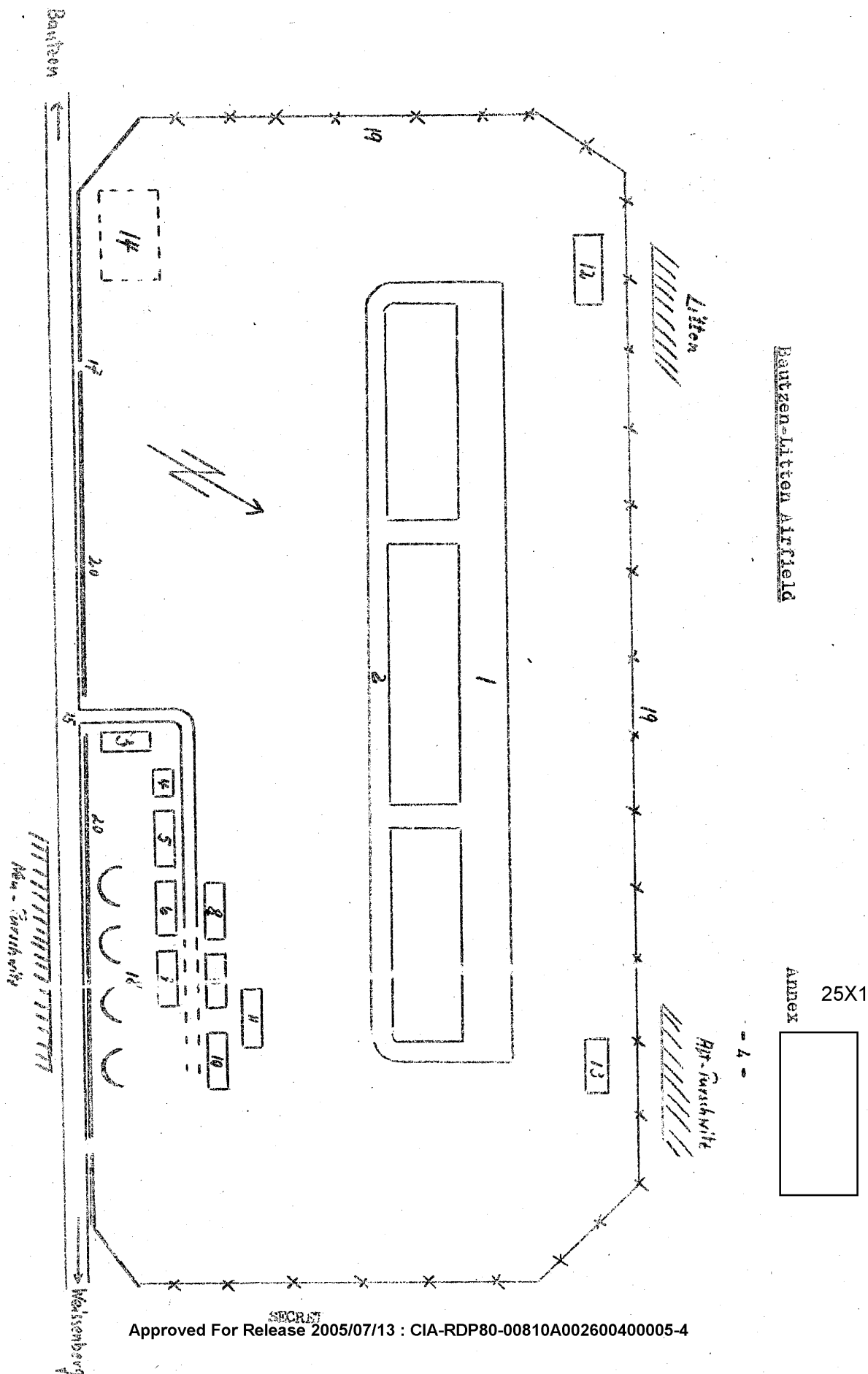
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4. [] Comment. Bautzen-Litten airfield is still unoccupied and there is no air activity. No improvement work is now under way on the runway and is allegedly at present unserviceable. The present location of the 603rd VPL Regt with the 303 Bn has not been determined. However, it is possible that the regiment is in Cottbus or Brehitz.

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Annex

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Legends

- 1 Runway covered with runway mats, about 3,000 x 80 meters
- 2 Taxiway covered with runway mats, about 10 meters wide
- 3 Guardhouse
- 4 Transformer station
- 5 Low wooden building housing locksmith's shop
- 6 Quarters building for Soviet guard detail
- 7 Unoccupied quarters building
- 8 Quarters building occupied by the motor vehicle and tractor platoon and construction workers
- 9 Quarters building occupied by construction workers
- 10 Kitchen
- 11 Co-operative stores
- 12 and 13 Guardhouses occupied by factory police of the Bauunion
- 14 Fuel dump under construction
- 15 Main entrance
- 16 Side entrance
- 17 Gap in wall for scheduled spur track
- 18 Four aircraft revetments under construction
- 19 Barbed-wire fence
- 20 Brick wall

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